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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer
London 2012: Wishing Luck to America's Olympians

"With the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games nearly upon us, I would like to take a moment to wish our Nation's athletes the best of luck as they compete for Gold in London.

"Over the next two weeks, 530 of the United States' finest athletes – including 70 competitors and coaches with Arizona ties – will participate on the world stage in this massive exhibition of sport and sportsmanship. These are athletes like Brady Ellison, a 23-year-old from Glendale who is the world's top-ranked archer. Or Breeja Larson, a 20-year-old from Mesa who didn't even begin year-round club swimming until her senior year of high school. She stunned the Olympic trials earlier this month by taking first place in the 100-meter breaststroke, qualifying her to compete for a bigger prize in London.

"Whatever the outcome of these Games, the athletes and their families can take pride in the years of dedicated training and committed focus it required to reach this pinnacle. It is their honor to represent our country in this grand spectacle, and it is our privilege to watch them compete.

"To Arizona's Olympians, I say: Good luck, and have fun. Do us proud. For so many reasons, you already have."

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